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# 10 favourite TV houses

by *Kevin McCloud*

GDM's editor-at-large selects his favourite houses from the *Grand Designs* TV series, and explains why he loves them

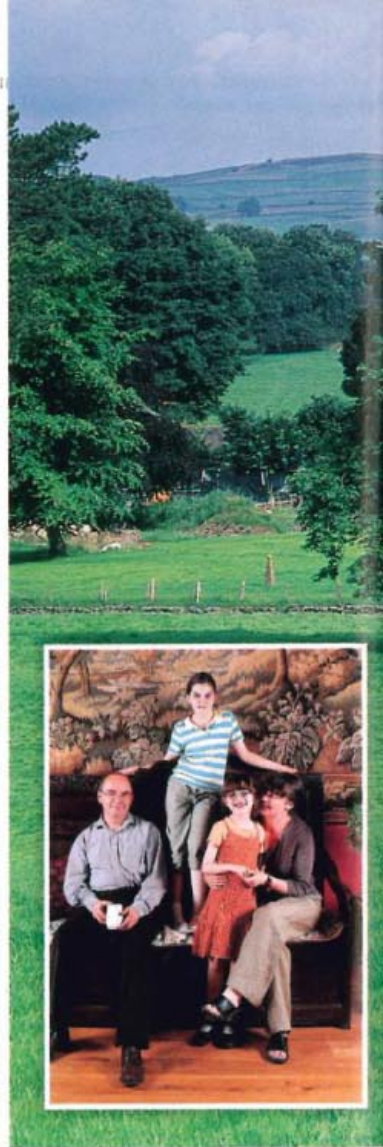


## TIMBER-FRAMED BARN

Artists Freddie Robins and Ben Coode-Adams (above) converted a Grade II-listed timber-framed barn in Essex into a family home and work space for themselves and their daughter, Willa, complete with quirky storage for their toy collection.

**'Architect Anthony Hudson rose to the challenge of converting this cavernous space, generating a new benchmark in conservation. Full of invention and innovative materials, and brilliantly organised, the project takes recycling, upcycling and reusing to new levels'**

*Kevin McCloud*



Jefferson Smith; Rachael Smith; Edina van der Wyck





## THE MEDIEVAL CASTLE

Karen and Francis Shaw (left) saw the roofless ruins of a fourteenth-century castle in Yorkshire and were immediately able to envisage it as their future family home.

**'This epic project took five years to film, and in that time we mapped English Heritage's changing views towards ancient monuments and saw a new philosophy of conservation emerge. A miraculous outcome, too – a home that reinterprets Lutyens'** *Kevin McCloud*



## HOUSE WITH A GLASS ROOF

Monty Ravenscroft (below) and Clare Loewe snapped up a sliver of derelict land in London's Peckham and built a futuristic bungalow with a retractable glass roof.

**'Designed by the late, great Richard Paxton; a house conjured from an impossible urban site, experimentally constructed, that delivers light, space and contact with nature where there seemed no possibility of any of that'** *Kevin McCloud*



## CONTEMPORARY CEDAR-CLAD HOME

Keen to build a home that would blend in with the surrounding landscape, Theo and Elaine Leijser clad their Dutch-inspired, three-storey home with cedar shingles. The house, which overlooks the Campsie Fells, near Glasgow, features a double-height atrium, triple-glazed windows and underfloor heating.

**'Another exemplar, a super-insulated, modest timber home that is ultra energy efficient yet does everything big architecture does: orientating the views, providing open-plan and open-section areas in the building, upwards views of the skies and the exciting sensation of compression and then release. All in a small three-bedroom house'** *Kevin McCloud*



## WATER TOWER CONVERSION

Bruno and Denise del Tufo (right) took the architect-designed water tower in their back garden in Kent and transformed it into a striking three-bedroom home.

**'Architect Fountain, Flanagan Briscoe has made a Brutalist addition to an equally Brutalist water tower designed by Edwin Lutyens. A challenging building that has won plaudits from locals and demonstrated a rare thing: how architecture can change who you are'**

*Kevin McCloud*



## HOUSE OF STRAW

Clearly not afraid to experiment, architects Sarah Wigglesworth and Jeremy Till (right) built their house and office in Islington, north London, out of sandbags, straw and recycled concrete.

**'Another widely influential house. Hairy and exploratory, it is regarded as one of the great exemplars of the past 10 years by the architectural world'**

*Kevin McCloud*





## TREE HOUSE

Architect Lincoln Miles and his artist wife Lisa Traxler (right) embarked on the daring modernisation of a Seventies bungalow on the Isle of Wight.

**'An idiosyncratic and heart-warming project by a building designer and an artist. It matches re-use of an old bungalow with architectural ambition, Fifties retro with agricultural cladding, and glamour with some forestry eco. It has helped rewrite the language of architecture. Just the kind of quirky project *Grand Designs* needs, and one I can't forget'**

*Kevin McCloud*



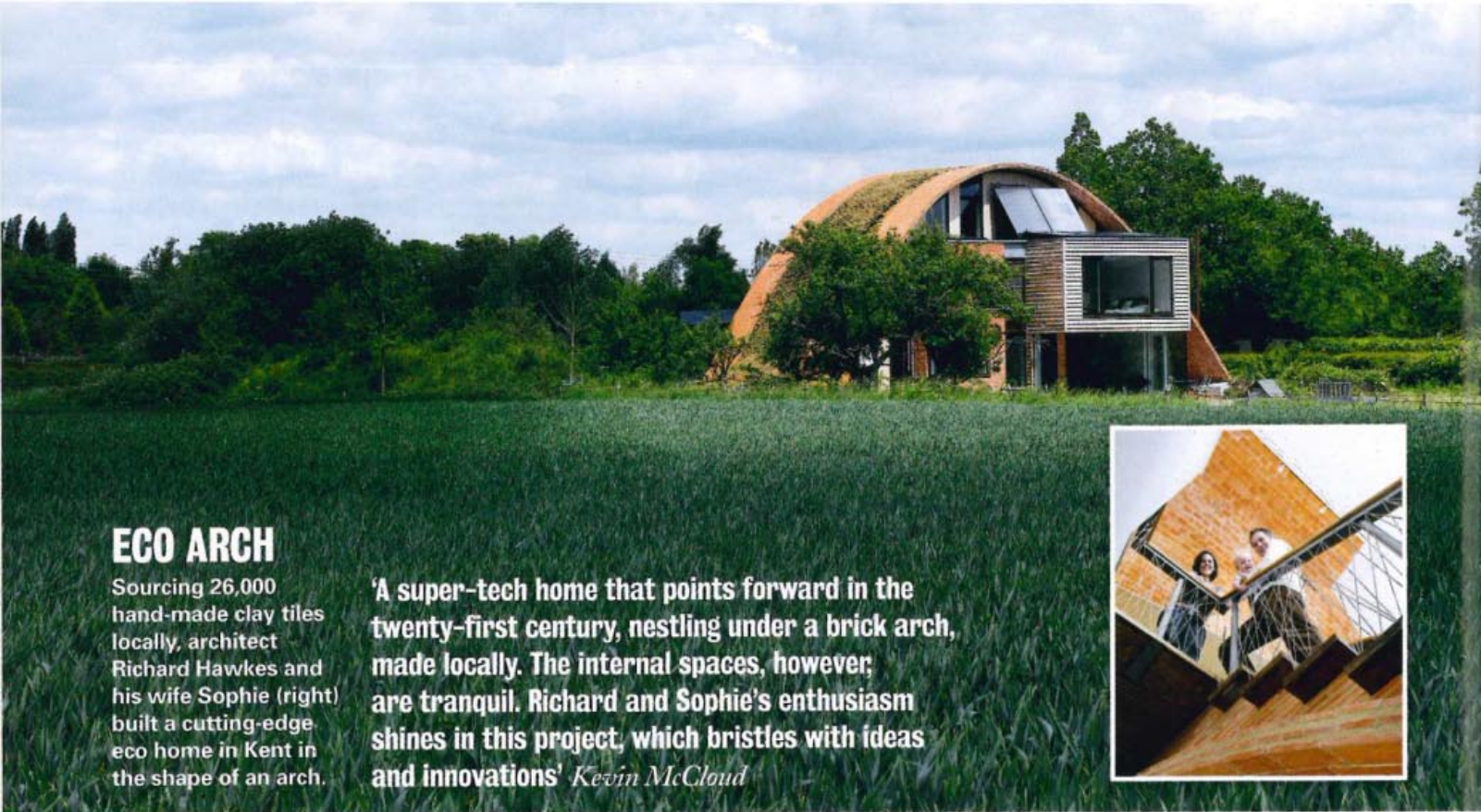
## THE MODEST HOME

Lucie Fairweather's husband died shortly after they finished planning their dream home in Woodbridge, Suffolk, but rather than giving up hope, she carried on with the project, cutting costs and creating an inspiring family home.

**'Another wonderful, exemplary home – modest and energy efficient, it reinterprets the chalet bungalow of the Sixties and shows us what family homes could look like'**

*Kevin McCloud*

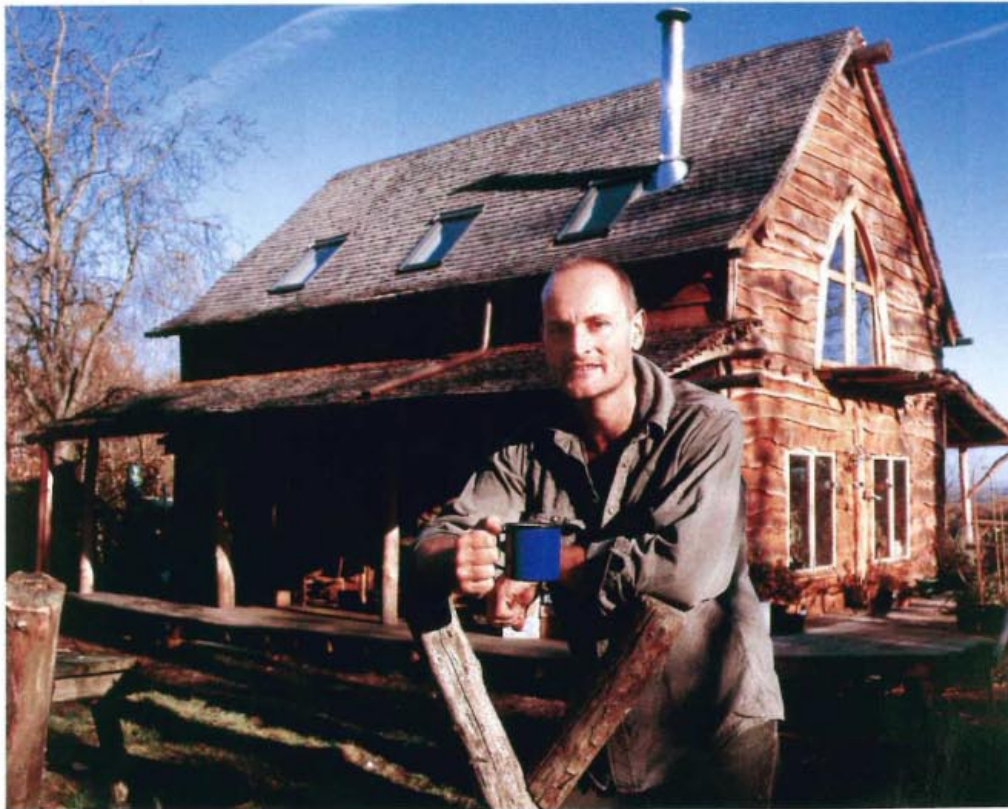




## ECO ARCH

Sourcing 26,000 hand-made clay tiles locally, architect Richard Hawkes and his wife Sophie (right) built a cutting-edge eco home in Kent in the shape of an arch.

**'A super-tech home that points forward in the twenty-first century, nestling under a brick arch, made locally. The internal spaces, however, are tranquil. Richard and Sophie's enthusiasm shines in this project, which bristles with ideas and innovations'** *Kevin McCloud*



## WOODMAN'S COTTAGE

Having lived for years in caravans and tents in the West Sussex woods, Ben Law (left) used his bare hands – and the help of volunteers – to craft an oak-framed sustainable home out of local materials.

**'A hugely influential house, grown and built by Ben, and an elegant film about sustainability that mentions the word only once... The greenest of green projects'** *Kevin McCloud*

Stephen Morely; Jefferson Smith

